

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
POOR RELIEF HEARING  
OCTOBER 6, 2003**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Wednesday, October 6, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member John L. Knochel. Also present were: County Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Benson called the meeting to order.

***POOR RELIEF HEARING: David King vs Wea Township Trustee***

David King, 3301 Quarry Place, Apt E, Laf., was present to appeal his denial of \$320 for rent assistance by the Wea Township Trustee.

Roseanne Giltner, Wea Township Caseworker, was present to represent the Township.

Mr. King and Ms Giltner were sworn in by County Attorney Luhman who then explained the proceedings would be informal with each side allowed to state its case.

Mr. King acknowledged he did not turn in all the information on time because he thought the deadline was September 18<sup>th</sup>, not the 16<sup>th</sup>. He said he didn't follow through on the job search papers because he received notice from Sears to report for a drug test and his fiancée, Jasmine Stevenson, was notified to start work at Joyland Childcare on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King said he gave the Landlord Agreement to his landlord but couldn't explain why it was not submitted until September 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King said their monthly rent of \$469 was reduced to \$349 because they referred friends to the complex. He asked for only \$320 because the Township has a rent cap.

Attorney Luhman admitted the Sears' correspondence with directions to the drug testing clinic as Exhibit 1 and the Letter from Joyland Childcare Center, Inc. verifying Ms Stevenson's employment as Exhibit 2.

Ms Giltner reported she interviewed Mr. King at McDonald's on old US 231 at which time she learned that Jasmine Stevenson resides with him. During the interview she gave him a "to do" list with highlighted and checked items and the due date Tuesday, 9/16 written on it.

Attorney Luhman admitted a blank version of the "to do" list as Exhibit A and a highlighted and checked version with the due date Tuesday, 9/16 written on it as Exhibit B.

Upon examination of the two exhibits, Mr. King said his copy of Exhibit B had no due date written in. Ms Giltner conceded she may have failed to write in the due date but was sure she told him the due date. She said the Township had 3 days (72 hours) to make a determination but the Landlord Agreement, due by 9/16, was not dated until 9/25/03 so they had no choice except denial.

Attorney Luhman admitted the Landlord Agreement as Exhibit C.

With no further comments, Attorney Luhman announced the participants can submit proposed written findings by 4:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 8, 2003 for the Commissioners' consideration. The Commissioners will have five (5) days, until Friday, October 10, to make a decision.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to take Mr. King's appeal under advisement until a decision is reached within five days, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

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KD Benson, President

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Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President

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John L. Knochel, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor